

U. S. MAY ANNEX HAWAII.

The Treaty of Annexation Has Been Signed By the Commissioners.

JAPAN ENTERS HER PROTEST.

Provisions of the Treaty—Congressional Exchanges—Treaty Cannot Be Ratified.

At Washington on the 16th the Hawaiian annexation treaty was signed in the State Department by Secretary of State Sherman for the United States and Messrs. Hatch, Thurston and Kinney on the part of the Hawaiian Republic.

The document was at once submitted to the Senate, and considered by that body in executive session. It is not known what fate it will meet there, but the friends of annexation will be promptly ratified.

The three Hawaiian commissioners, Secretary of State Sherman and Assistant Secretaries of State Day and Crilley, assembled in conference in the diplomatic room of the State Department and made a careful comparison of the text of the treaty.

The treaty as agreed to by the respective republics of the United States and Hawaii provides for the annexation of the islands as the territory of the United States.

The Dole government is continued in force until the territorial government can be perfected.

No provision is made for granting a gratuity or regular pension to ex-Governor Liliuokalani or to the Princess Kaiulani, both of whom were liberally provided for by the treaty of annexation negotiated under the Harrison administration.

All revenue from the islands is to be used for the benefit of the inhabitants for educational and other purposes.

The present orders and laws governing Hawaii's commercial relations with the United States shall remain in force until Congress shall take action. Further immigration of Chinese laborers is prohibited. Pending Congressional action, the entry of Chinese from Hawaii into the United States is also prohibited.

The United States assumes the public debt of Hawaii, but stipulates that this liability shall not exceed \$4,000,000. The government of Hawaii cedes to the United States absolutely and forever all right of sovereignty in and over the Hawaiian Islands and its dependencies, and provides that the islands shall become an integral part of the United States. Hawaii cedes all public lands, public buildings and public property of every description. Congress shall enact special laws to govern the disposition of lands in the Hawaiian Islands.

The treaty before becoming effective shall be ratified by the proper authorities of the United States and Hawaii. After the ratification of the treaty, the Hawaiian Islands shall be placed under the administration of the United States, and a photograph of the scene taken. Secretary Day's connection with the treaty is rather more intimate than the others; he and Mr. Hatch have come into details. The original draft of the treaty was made by John W. Foster.

The Japanese government has filed a protest against the Hawaiian treaty on the ground that it comes in violation of a treaty of stipulations between Japan and Hawaii.

LATER—Hawaii will not be annexed to the United States during the present session of Congress, it is believed. A statement is made upon the authority of leading Democratic Senators, including Gorman, of Maryland, Gray of Delaware, Turpie, of Indiana, and Bacon, of Georgia. All of them agree that the opposition to annexation is strong enough to prevent the ratification of the treaty the President sent to the Senate.

There is no popular demand for the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands and Democratic Senators declare that the present revival of the Hawaiian question is simply in the interest of the sugar barons, who want to control the Hawaiian sugar trade.

Although the Republican leaders predict an early ratification of the new treaty, the rules of the Senate are such as to enable the opposition to smother it in executive session, after it is reported favorably from the committee on foreign relations. The Georgia and the South Carolina Senators are not in favor of hasty action on the new treaty. Senator Bacon says it is too important a subject to be disposed of without giving it full and free consideration. Under the circumstances it cannot be ratified during the present session.

A June Snow in North Carolina. A special to the Charlotte, N. C., Observer from Weldon, of the 15th, says: "A well-known citizen who was at Enfield Saturday informs me that during a brisk thunder storm which came up suddenly, there was a little flurry of snow. The flakes came down as soft and gently as they ever did in midwinter, but melted as soon as they touched the ground. This unusual occurrence on June in Halifax county was witnessed by several prominent citizens of Enfield, who will vouch for the truthfulness of this statement."

Factories Burned. A special to the News and Courier from Cheraw, S. C., says: Cheraw's manufacturing district has been burned, which is a total loss to the Cheraw Machine Works, Cheraw Knitting Mills, and Enfield Hosiery Mills. The insurance is partial. The South Carolina Braiding Works escaped. Loss \$30,000.

A Fine of \$5,000. At a meeting of the Georgia Bankers' Association at Warm Springs on the 15th, the Legislative committee suggested a resolution that a fine of \$5,000, or not less than one year in the penitentiary, be the penalty for receiving deposits in an insolvent bank. It proposes to improve on the present order of the bank examiner, giving the State officers more authority. The resolution has been tabled until the next meeting, which will be at Tybee Island.

NEWS ITEMS.

Southern Pencil Pointers. The Western Union office at Montgomery, Ala., has been burned.

On the streets of Portsmouth, Va., James McAlpin was shot and instantly killed by William Boon.

Several North Carolinians win scholarships at Johns Hopkins University.

At Old Point Comfort, Va., the citizens of Richmond presented a loving-cup to the battleship Texas.

At Bogart, Ga., Walter Norris is killed by lightning; he had a baby in his arms which was not injured.

A South Carolina man has forty acres of tea plants. The shrubs are about three feet high and planted in rows six feet apart.

The 17th was Virginia Day at the Nashville Centennial Exposition. The Fourth Regiment escorted Gov. O'Ferrall to the grounds.

Lightning killed four negroes in a tenement house on the plantation of John M. Strickland, six miles south of Senoia, Ga.

A machine shop at Lincoln, N. C., has begun the manufacture of printing presses.

Five women and children have been killed by a negro in Kemper county, Kentucky.

William Peagues, a negro Baptist preacher of Chesterfield, S. C., is the proud father of forty-three children.

In Virginia a negro shoots a constable and then defies the authorities; his cabin is set on fire and he is captured as he runs out.

June 23d has been fixed as North Carolina Day at the Nashville Centennial, instead of the 24th as previously announced.

The Raleigh (N. C.) Press-Visitor learns that the Tribune is to resume publication about July 1st. It is to be published as a four-page morning daily with an eight-page Sunday edition. Col. W. W. Hayward will continue as editor.

Near St. Louis, Martin Ensley beat into insensibility C. D. Collins, of Tennessee, who robbed him of \$8,000; the men had been acquaintances all their lives and intimate friends for six years. Ensley has been captured and identified by Collins.

A Mayville, Ky., dispatch says: Tollgate raiders, thirty-eight in number, tore down the gate beyond Blue Lick. They captured the guards, James Dawson, Harrison Green and Charles Dawson. The raiders placed a rope around Dawson's neck, but released him on condition that he would collect no more toll.

Rear Admiral Samuel Phillips Lee, U. S. N., retired, the last of the commanders of the great squadron during the civil war, died at his home at Silver Spring, near Washington, D. C., after a short illness, of a stroke of paralysis. He was a Virginian by birth, and a direct descendant of Light Horse Harry Lee, of Revolutionary fame. Admiral Lee was 82 years of age, and the brightest in American naval annals.

All About the North. Maine Populists declare against any more fusion.

The allied printing trades of New York State have entered a formal protest against the State printing being done by convicts.

An anti-lynch law society has been formed in Columbus, Ohio. It will establish branches all over the country.

A northbound suburban train on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road ran into the Chicago river at Kinzie street; six men being hurt.

Georgetown, a mining town in California, has been visited by a fierce fire, which resulted in the burning of fifteen business houses, and one of the entailed will amount to \$175,000. One person was killed and several others seriously injured.

The United States government immigration station on Ellis Island in New York, has been burned. No loss of life. The 200 immigrants were transferred from the island to the barge office at the battery.

Governor Tanner, of Illinois, signed the bill preventing the coloring of butterine or imitations of butter.

The Ohio Republicans will hold their State election in Toledo the last of this month.

Albert Benson and Thomas Olsen got into a friendly wrestling match in Brooklyn, N. Y. Olsen got an advantage over his opponent, lifted him off his feet and threw him backward breaking his neck, which resulted in his death.

The President has appointed John G. Brady to be Governor of Alaska.

IMPROVEMENT CONTINUES.

More Establishments Have Been Set at Work and More Hands Employed.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says in part:

"The retarding influence of cold and unseasonable weather has passed. The gain in business in spite of it, which was seen a week ago, has become clearer to all, as no genuine improvement ever begins with an uplifting of prices before the producing force has become fairly employed. And the buying of 7,000 bales Australian wool by one Boston house and 100,000 tons pig iron by a Wall street operator and advancing prices for stocks is only proof that the actual conditions are understood by some capable men."

"There is evidence of gradually enlarging business in every important department. More establishments have again set at work and more hands employed, and while prudence still hinders speculative excesses, the progress toward better things is unchecked."

"Reports from the various cities show a continued large distribution through retail trade. The proof is clearer, as it should be, in the industrial than in the trading fields. Contracts providing for the consumption of several millions of tons of iron ore have already been made, two million within the past fortnight, it is believed, though last year's contracts only terminated about two months ago."

"In the produce markets the year draws toward a close, with slightly stronger prices for corn, owing to foreign buying, and in cotton owing to a better foreign demand, notwithstanding the encouraging crop reports. Nobody can count bales in June, but the outlook is so far favorable that few make large ventures against the yield exceeding 9,000,000 bales."

"Wheat was hoisted nearly 2c, but fell about as much, closing at 4c. higher for the week, in spite of reduced western receipts and more hands employed. For the two weeks of June, Atlantic exports of wheat and flour have been equal to 4,977,633 bushels, against 6,210,832 last year."

"Failures for the week have been 198 in the United States, against 376 last year, and 36 in Canada, against 38 last year."

OUR COMMERCE WITH CUBA. How It Has Been Affected by the War in That Island.

A significant report on our trade with Cuba from 1887 to 1897, prepared by Chief Hitchcock, of the foreign market section of the agricultural department, has been promulgated by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson. The statistics show very clearly the effect of present hostilities in Cuba upon the commercial intercourse of the United States with that island.

During the last fiscal year, 1896, the total value of our Cuban trade amounted to only \$47,848,610, as compared with \$102,864,204 in 1895, the year preceding the breaking out of the war. This is a falling off of more than 50 per cent in three years. Returns already available for the current fiscal year, indicate a still further decline, the records for the nine months ending March 31, 1897, placing the total value of the trade for that period as low as \$14,928,817. At this rate the figures for the year 1897 will hardly reach \$20,000,000, or less than one-fifth the value recorded for 1893.

During the early years of the present decade our Cuban trade had received a material impetus, the years 1887-1893 inclusive showing uninterrupted gains and but for the opening of the war a still greater expansion, it is predicted, probably would have followed. As it is, however, commercial intercourse between the United States and Cuba has been very largely abridged.

ITS CHARTER NOT IN DANGER. Judge Christian Makes a Statement About the Jefferson Davis Monument Association.

Concerning the question raised as to whether the Jefferson Davis Monument Association has "lived up to" the terms of its charter, and has now any legal existence, ex-Judge George L. Christian, a leading lawyer of Richmond, Va., and for a long time president of the Richmond chamber of commerce, writes to the one of the evening papers as follows:

"I am one of the incorporators and feel the deepest interest in the accomplishment of the purpose for which the association was organized. There is no such provision in it about an annual meeting, and the election of officers, as stated in your paper. The association has held frequent meetings every year, since it was organized, and I believe that all of its proceedings have been as legal and as regularly conducted as those of any corporation of a similar character ever chartered under the laws of this, or any other State."

"Respectfully,"
"GEO. L. CHRISTIAN."

Secret Meeting of Cotton Seed Oil Men. At Chattanooga, Tenn., a secret meeting of cotton seed oil men has just been held at Lookout Inn, the proceedings of which the attending members have declined to give out. Enough has been learned, however, to state that the question of prices and production was considered and that a quasi trust was discussed. Whether it was formed or not is not definitely known.

To Sell as a Whole. Judge Simonon of the United States Circuit Court, has re-affirmed his decree in the case of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, of New York, against the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad Company, et al. This decision is that the railroad shall be sold as a whole, not in divisions, as contended by the plaintiffs.

To Run Shorter Time. Several cotton mills of Lowell, Mass., will close down for a week and then run on short time.

WORK OF THE CYCLONE.

Heavy Damage Throughout Illinois and Other Places.

BAPTIST CHURCH BLOWN DOWN

Searching for the Dead and Wounded -- Cottages Blown Down and Great Havoc Reigned Generally.

Returns received from both the North and Western portions of Indiana indicate that last Thursday's storm, which did not cease until Friday morning, did much damage. A telegram from Green Castle says that reports from the country show that large quantities of valuable timber have been destroyed, huge trees being twisted off at their roots. Farm fencing and stock suffered severely and two large barns, valued at \$1,000 each, were destroyed by lightning. One at Hambrick's station, containing valuable live stock, was destroyed. At Rochester, Brownsburg and Wabash the damage was heavy to farm property.

A special from Durham, N. C., of the 18th to the Charlotte Observer, says: About 6 o'clock this afternoon Durham was visited by a terrific rain, hail and thunder storm and at the same time a cyclone passed over west-northwest, blowing down the Baptist Church was blown down and everything in the building demolished, except the organ. It is a total loss, there being no insurance.

The storage warehouse of the Erwin Cotton Mill was also blown down and the loss will reach up into the thousands of dollars. When asked what the loss would be tonight, the president of the mills said it was impossible to tell yet, but he said he was fully covered by tornado insurance and would lose nothing. The warehouse was a two-story structure, about 100 feet long, and was packed with fine cloths, and the rain which fell in torrents as the cyclone passed, wet all the goods. It is said there was between \$75,000 and \$100,000 worth of goods in the building at the time it was blown down.

At Trinity College both the smoke stacks at the lighthouse were blown down and windows were blown out and the time used in the building. Several trees in the lawn were broken and torn down. The damage to property is considerable. One dwelling house was unroofed and two chimneys blown down, near the college, while the family was inside. No one was hurt. The chimneys of small houses were blown down in different parts of the city, but so far no one has been reported killed.

Telephone, telegraph and electric light wires are down all over the western part of the city and between here and west-northwest. Nothing has been heard from the country.

On Thursday, the 17th, Charlotte, Salisbury, High Point, Marshall and other points, in North Carolina, were visited by a fierce cyclone.

At Salisbury a negro woman was killed by lightning and many trees and buildings were damaged. At March, a furniture factory was blown down.

Paris, June 18.—(By Cable).—A cyclone swept over the villages of Bezons and Colombes, near this city, this afternoon. Houses collapsed, trees were torn up, telegraph wires broken, several people injured and much general damage done.

At the time the cyclone struck Asnières, a fair was in progress, the distance the cyclone presented the appearance of a cloud of smoke. Roofs were soon flying in the air like kites. A May pole, 150 yards long, was carried over the houses and across the fair grounds. Ambulances and fire carriages are now searching for the dead and wounded.

Madrid June 18.—(By Cable).—Violent hail and rained killing his uncle, Wiley Craft and Wm. Cook, fifteen years ago. Craft has long been suspected of killing these men.

Killed Her Brother. At Paris, Texas, Miss Fannie Jackson shot at Ed Kilgore, missing him and killing her brother instantly. Two other brothers, aided by Miss Jackson, then fired nine shots into Kilgore. He had slandered Miss Jackson.

Georgia Defeats Virginia. The University of Georgia defeated the University of Virginia in a series of three games, winning the best two out of three, thereby giving them the intercollegiate championship of the South.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

Report of the Proceedings from Day to Day.

SENATE.

JUNE 14TH.—The debate on the sugar schedule of the tariff bill proceeded, with very one diverting incident to the monotony into which the discussion has lapsed. This was the sharp exchange between Hon. of Massachusetts, and Tillman, of South Carolina, representing the two extremes of the senatorial procedure. Tillman again referred to published charges of irregularity in connection with the sugar schedule, and asserted that the Senate would stand convicted before the American people if it failed to investigate the charges. Hon. of Massachusetts and Tillman being calculated as a rebuke. He declared that the vague charges of irregularity were not only preposterous, but infamous. Tillman reiterated that Senators would stand convicted by the people if they sought to hide the resolution introduced by him. Only one roll call occurred during the day, on Lindsay's motion to place all sugars on the same basis. This was defeated by 28, McEnery, Democrat, of Louisiana, voting with the Republicans in the negative, and Senator Mantle with the Democrats in the affirmative.

June 15TH.—The Senate made a great stride forward by completing the consideration of the sugar schedule of the tariff bill, except the provision relating to Hawaii, which went over. This schedule had been the storm center of the entire bill, and with it disposed of, there is a better prospect for speedy action on the bill as a whole. The last paragraph of the sugar schedule has served to bring out all the speeches and the test votes and when this was passed early today, the other paragraphs of the schedule were agreed to without further opposition.

The amendment to the tariff bill relating to sugar not above No. 16 Dutch standard, one cent per pound and .03 of a cent for every degree above 75; but on sugar testing 87 degrees below by the polariscope, 1 cent per pound shall be declared. The hope provision of the schedule related to maple sugar, maple syrup, candy, etc. Only one ye-a-and-nay vote was taken during the day on the amendment of Lindsay, of Kentucky, to make the rate 1.08 cents per pound on sugar above 16 Dutch standard. The amendment was defeated 32 to 25. The Pefferow amendment relating to trusts was discussed at length and then tabled, but he gave notice of another.

June 16TH.—The Senate did rapid work on the tariff bill. There were no long speeches, and the debate was of a snappy character. Thirteen pages were disposed of, carrying the Senate through the schedule relating to spirits, wines, etc. The paragraphs on dairy products, farm products, fish, fruit and nuts, meat products and cereals, covering 120 pages, were acted on. The finance committee proposed many changes in the main advancing rates somewhat over those heretofore reported. The schedule was sustained on every vote up to schedule H, relating to spirits, wines, etc. The paragraphs on dairy products, farm products, fish, fruit and nuts, meat products and cereals, covering 120 pages, were acted on. The finance committee proposed many changes in the main advancing rates somewhat over those heretofore reported. 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